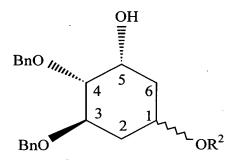
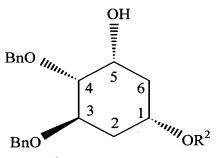
I claim:

1. A compound having the formula



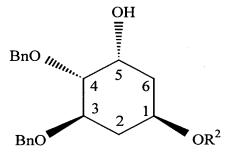
where Bn is a benzyl group, and R² is a hydroxy protecting group.

- 2. The compound of claim 1 wherein R² is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.
- 3. A compound having the formula



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- 4. The compound of claim 3 wherein R^2 is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.
- 5. A compound having the formula



where Bn is a benzyl group, and R² is a hydroxy protecting group.

6. The compound of claim 5 wherein R^2 is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.